

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Matt Urick

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/5/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 12-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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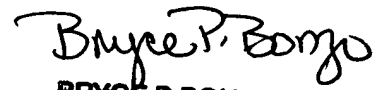
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-10 and 12-36 were examined and considered allowable over the prior art. Claim 1 contains the limitations:

A method for digital asset delivery in a computer network comprising a first server computer and a second server computer, the method comprising:

generating, by the first server computer , at least one first frame of said digital asset;

transmitting, by the first server computer, said at least one first frame of said digital asset;

generating, by the second server computer, an identical frame to said at least one first frame of said digital asset;

indicating by said second sever computer that said identical frame is to be discarded;

determining by said second server computer that said first server computer has experienced a failure;

generating by the second server computer, at least one subsequent frame of said digital asset, wherein said at least one subsequent frame is not accompanied by an indication that said at least one subsequent frame is to be discarded.

The combination of these steps is not taught by any reference in the prior art. The closest available reference, Zetts (cited in Office Action dated 3/14/06), teaches a failover system involving a primary and "hot standby" video streaming system. However,

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the failover step of Zetts' invention requires a separate video router to detect failure and switch between the two inputs (column 4 lines 33-56, and figure 1 of Zetts). The second server is not involved in the failover detection process, and there are no teachings in Zetts which suggest to do so.

Claim 27 is considered allowable under the same grounds as claim 1.

Claims 2-10, 12-26, and 28-36 are considered allowable as being dependant on claims 1 and 27.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matt Urick whose telephone number is (571) 272-0805. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571) 272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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